

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Please **INSERT** the following paragraph on page1, after line 5 and before the "Field of the Invention:

This invention was made with Government support under F33615-99-C-5203 awarded by the Air Force Research Laboratory. The Government has certain rights in the invention.

Please **AMEND** the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 8 as shown in the following marked up paragraph:

After expanding, the porous coal-based perform or product is readily machineable, sawable and otherwise readily fabricated using conventional fabrication techniques to fabricate the ~~composite tooling~~ carbonaceous foam core described herein.